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you're talking about a nonexistent contract, under a lease-purchase agreement, who has title to the structure when it has been completed, as far as the building of it?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Until it's been completed?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When it's...when the building is completed, if you hire a private operator to do...to privatize this jail, once the structure is completed in whose hands is the title to that structure?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Well, if there have been no contract drawn up ahead of time, then it would be in the hands of the builder.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And under this law that's what would happen unless there's some contractual statement to the contrary.

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think every county is going to behave as you say Hall County intends to behave?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I couldn't answer that, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Some counties may choose to let the private operator continue in ownership forever. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I would have no idea, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that could happen under the bill, couldn't it?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, it could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. That's all I'll ask you. Members of the Legislature, these people can determine how long somebody is going to stay in jail. Senator Synowiecki said so well what the problems are that I'm not going to repeat, but I'd like to just tailgate a little bit on it. It is to the interest of these private operators to keep as many people in jail as possible. I got rid of what used to be called the